

## ALL EYES TURN TO GENERAL AYERS

Democrats Believe He  
Can Redeem Ninth  
District.

### BUSINESS MATTERS STAND IN HIS WAY

A Man of the People, His Friends  
Declare He Would Win, While  
Slump Followers Fear His  
Candidacy — Other  
Strong Men  
Talked Of.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
BRISTOL, VA., August 4.—"Rufus A. Ayers and Victory" will be the inscription upon the banner unfurled at the Bristol Democratic Congressional Convention of the Ninth District on August 18th, provided, in the meanwhile, the popular former attorney-general can be prevailed upon to make the race for a seat in the national House. I have "looped the loop" the past week, and have talked with the best informed leaders from one end of the district to the other, and they tell me that this is the unmistakable sentiment in every section. General Ayers, the leader who "reckoning without their hosts" when it comes to a question of popularity among the masses. There are many reasons patent even to a casual observer why he would be a strong candidate at this time.

He would in all human probability prove the "straw which would break the Campbell's back," for with such a competitor the Hon. Campbell Slomp would be brought face to face with the old Biblical proposition which "Cyrus King" Marshall said put him out of Congress—that "no man since the days of Christ had been able to feed 5,000 souls on five loaves and three fishes."

Troubled About It.  
This "loaves and fishes" proposition is understood upon authority to be giving the lone Republican Congressman from Virginia a great deal of trouble, and while I do not mean to say that, in the event of his nomination, General Ayers would pay any attention to this phase of the case, yet it is a fact that there is a large element of business men in this section who are inclined to the Republican side of things, who believe that the incumbent is paying more attention to keeping up a political machine through the appointment of "the faithful" to office than to the great questions affecting the welfare of all the people.

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I talked with General Ayers on the subject yesterday, and I know from his frank statements to me, that he could ill afford to enter the race.

Indeed, I am not at all sure that his present business relations would permit him to accept the honor, if it shall be tendered him, and yet I cannot escape the belief, after having been practically over the district and talked with its strongest leaders, that he is the ideal candidate, and would probably carry the Democratic banner to victory at the polls.

There are already three big men talked of to lead out here this fall. But what worries the active forces, is that they have no assurance that either will accept, if named by the convention.

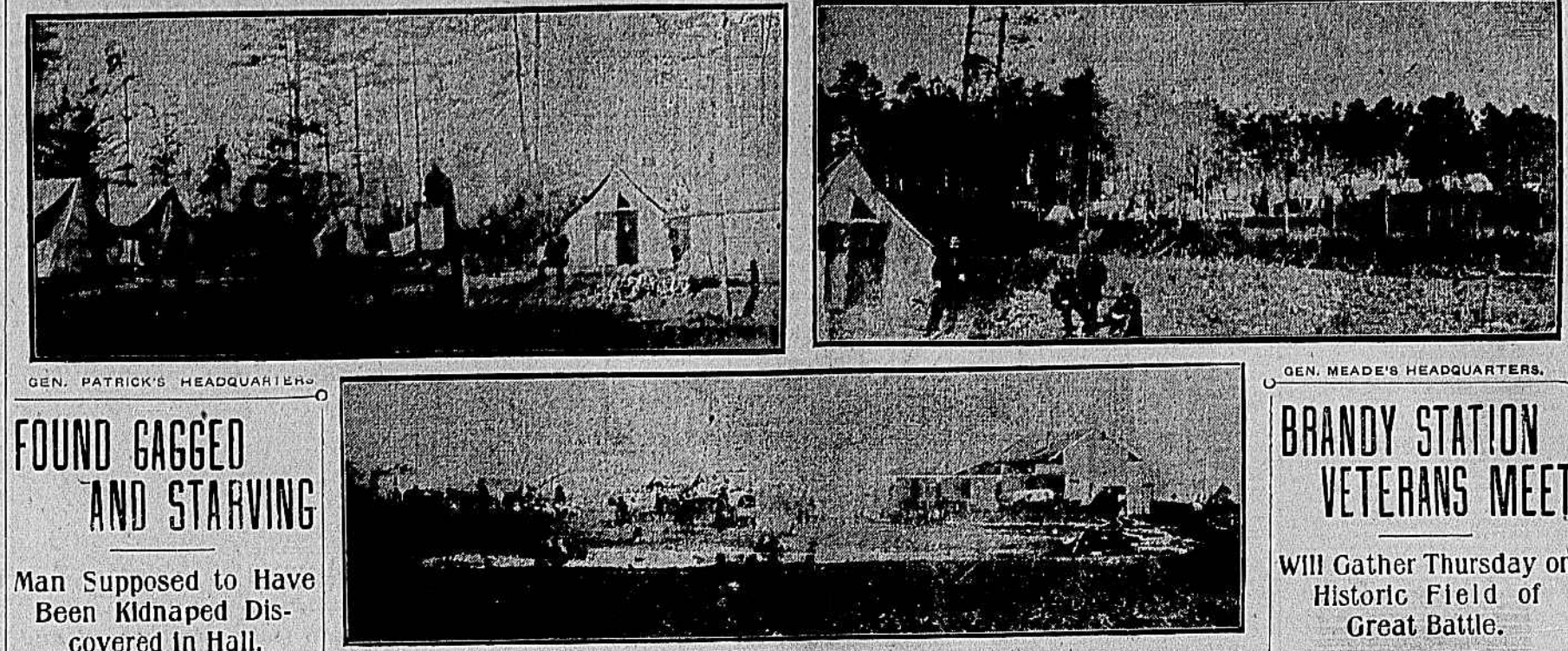
The man referred to is General Ayers, Corporation Commissioner Henry C. Stuart, and former Governor J. Hogs Tyler.

While individual delegates may prefer one to another among them, yet if either would give the assurance that he was willing to make this sacrifice, his would be the only name presented to the convention, for this is going to be a "harmony race," so far as the Democrats are concerned.

Looking for Results.  
This point has been clearly brought out in several of the mass-meetings already held, to send delegates to the Bristol convention.

In the city of Bristol, the mass-meeting got into an "endearing humor," and "went the limit," it declared for Bryan for President; commended the administration of Governor Swann; praised the services of Senators Daniel and Martin, and warmly endorsed the wise and patriotic administration of former Governor A. J. Montague. The Democrats of the Ninth District are "playing no favorites" in this matter. They believe, they say, and they earnestly wish, that their East Virginia brethren to help them.

## SCENES AT BRANDY STATION. WHERE CAVALRY REUNION WILL BE HELD THURSDAY



BRANDY STATION AS IT APPEARED DURING THE WAR. These interesting views are made from photographs taken at the time of the war by Eastwick Brothers, artists of the Army of the Potomac. The photographs, though showing age, are very well preserved.

### FOUND GAGGED AND STARVING

Man Supposed to Have  
Been Kidnaped Discovered in Hall.

WAS WITHOUT FOOD FOR EIGHTY HOURS

Dragged Into Cellar and Kept There Three Days — Detectives Made a Long Search for the Missing Man.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Pasquale Greco, 35 years old, who was reported several days ago as having been kidnaped by a Black-Hand gang, was found to-day in a hallway in Eleventh street, gagged and blindfolded and with his feet and hands tied. He told the police that since late Tuesday night he had been a prisoner of several Italians, who had given him neither food nor water. He said he had been able to feed 5,000 souls on five loaves and three fishes.

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### MOTHER OF THAW DENIES STORIES

"We Are All Working Heart and Head Together," She Declares.

SAYS HARRY WAS IN RIGHT

Flatly Contradicts Story That She Ever Had Disagreement With Daughter-in-Law.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, August 4.—For the first time since her return from Europe after her son's arrest for the murder of Stanford White, Mrs. William Thaw to-day expressed a desire to make a statement for publication. While in the office of Clifford W. Hartbridge, her son's attorney, she said:

"It was not on account of any influence on the part of my son that I changed my views about his case. When I came to New York I began to look into the matter and to study it. From my own observations, from all that I could gather, I concluded that my son is absolutely in the right, and I have taken his view of the case."

No Misunderstanding.  
"Another impression that I wish to contradict is that there has never been any disagreement or misunderstanding between either my son and myself or between Harry's wife and myself. We are all on the best of terms and are working heart and head together."

"I really do not see why I should be called upon to deny all these silly stories of disagreements. Evelyn and myself have often visited Harry together. I am sure that neither of us has acted as if there was any ill feeling existing between us. If I have appeared otherwise, I am sure that it must be understood that I am burdened with the greatest sorrow of my life."

Mrs. William Thaw and Mrs. Harry Thaw drove to the Tombs this afternoon and spent about an hour with Thaw, who seemed to be in the best of health. He said he had never been in better physical condition in his life.

ROOT RODE ON PLATFORM ON FRONT OF THE ENGINE

(By Associated Press.)  
SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, August 4.—Secretary of State Root, on-board the United States cruiser Charleston, arrived at Santos to-day, accompanied by Mrs. Root and Edith and Edward Root, and Ambassador Griscom. The Secretary rode from Santos on a platform erected on the front of the engine.

### CULLOM RECEIVED LARGE MAJORITY

Senior Senator from Illinois Gets Twice As Many Votes as Former Governor.

PRIMARY LAW GREAT SUCCESS

Vote Large in Tempestuous Districts of Chicago—Lorimer and Lamb Win.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, August 4.—For the first time in the history of Illinois, all the primaries of all the parties were held on the same day, and voters were given an opportunity to express their preference through the ballots for candidates for United States Senator and to nominate, by instruction, other candidates from Congressmen down to sheriff.

Unable to Reach Top.

(By Associated Press.)  
BELLINGHAM, WASH., August 4.—News was received to-day to the effect that 150 Mazamas (members of a mountain climbing club of that name) have been forced to abandon their efforts to reach the summit of Mount Baker. President Shultz, of the club, and F. R. Kizer, photographer, climbed to within 400 feet of the summit, but could go no further because of overhanging crags.

AGRETTES SHOULD GO, SAYS MRS. ROOSEVELT

President and Wife Both Strongly Condemn Use of White Heron Plumes.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, August 4.—In a letter written by President Roosevelt to William Dutcher, president of the National Association Audubon Societies, made public to-day, the President, speaking for both himself and Mrs. Roosevelt, expressed hearty sympathy with the efforts the society is making to prevent the sale and use of white heron plumes, commonly known as "agrettes," which are worn on women's hats. Mr. Dutcher, in a letter to the President, said that Queen Alexandra, of England, had recently publicly been known for her disapproval of the use of the plumes, and suggested that similar expression from Mrs. Roosevelt would be more toward abolishing them as millinery ornaments than months of work by the Audubon Societies. The President's letter in reply was as follows:

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Members of Workmen's Council Prepared to Proclaim Themselves Provisional Government—Reports of Renewed Fighting at Cronstadt.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, August 4.—With a general strike formally declared and the country apparently on the threshold of a gigantic struggle, minor issues fade in the background. If the strike inaugurated to-day gathers sufficient headway to endanger the life of the State, it has been virtually decided that Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch will be named commander of all the troops in the empire "where martial law exists," which would be tantamount to the decreeing of a military dictatorship.

It is possible, however, that the government will not be driven to this extremity, as the showing made to-day by the St. Petersburg proletariat was not impressive.

Although nearly 70,000 workmen are reported to be out at nightfall, many of the men appear to be entering the struggle with a heavy heart. The spontaneity with which practically the entire nation arrayed itself against the old regime last fall is lacking; the endurance of the people has been sapped by the long strain; the sympathy of the more conservative Liberals has been alienated by the fact of revolution and the lowest elements of the population have been organized into what are known as "black hundreds," and are ready to enter the fight on the side of the government if the signal is given.

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M. Goremykin, who was premier from May 22 to July 24, has left St. Petersburg and gone abroad. Sixteen arrests have been made in connection with the murder at Tseklin, Finland, of M. Herzstien, the Constitutional Democratic leader.

The electric lighting stations in St. Petersburg are being operated to-night by marines.

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Discussions also are afoot among the leaders over the opportuneness of giving battle to the government, but as yet formal action has not been taken. The supporters of the country shows that the nation as a whole endorses the movement.

### BRANDY STATION VETERANS MEET

Will Gather Thursday on Historic Field of Great Battle.

TO HAVE SPEECHES AND STORY-TELLING

Old-Fashioned Virginia Dinner for Everybody Within Hailing Distance Will Be One of Features of Reunion.

History of Famous Fight.

By Walter Edward Harris.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 4.—The veterans of the Army of Northern Virginia and veterans of the Army of the Potomac, who participated in the battle of Brandy Station, on the 9th day of June, 1862, will meet on the historic field on the 9th of August, next Thursday, and recount for the thousandth time the events of that day, made famous in our annals as one of the heaviest cavalry battles of the greatest of all wars. Some years ago I inadvertently stated in some publication of mine, concerning the battle of Brandy Station, that it was the greatest cavalry fight of the war, and that it was a mistake of the character of the war, one self, for after reading of that battle, one was apt to think there could not have been one fought during our war in which a larger cavalry force was engaged.

Be that as it may, Brandy must be ranked as one of the greatest cavalry engagements of the war, and the hardest fought battles of the struggle for Southern independence. It was not a purely cavalry engagement, for several pieces of horse artillery were engaged, and survivors of the horse artillery will also assemble at Brandy, and have a good time with the cavalrymen. The A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans, at Culpeper, which is only about seven miles from Brandy, has arranged the reunion of old comrades and one-time opponents, and while I have not before me a copy of the programme for the day, I recall that it provides for speeches, and story-telling, and a drive over a great portion of the field, and an old-fashioned Virginia dinner for everybody within hailing distance when the hour for the feast arrives.

Was Great Battle.  
Nearly all the cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia participated in the battle of Brandy Station. General Lee was preparing for his Gettysburg campaign, after having won such a splendid victory at Fredericksburg, where the Federal army narrowly, almost miraculously, escaped annihilation.

He had his cavalry concentrated in advance of his army, prepared to go ahead at the word, to feel the way for the infantry. On the 23d of May, General Stuart had reviewed the three brigades of Hampton and Generals Fitz and Rooney Lee on the broad fields between Brandy and Culpeper. Shortly after

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Much Excitement.  
To-night brought increased excitement throughout the industrial sections of the city. Although the police are reinforced by mounted patrols in the central districts of the city, all in quiet there, the workers' quarters which the Associated Press representative visited, there was ferment. Dragoons and Cossacks were in evidence in the principal streets, and police pickets, armed with rifles, were at almost every corner. Nevertheless, the crowded meetings at many places. The police displayed open sympathy with the men, turning the backs to avoid seeing what was going on.

On Basil Street, the workmen have begun to close the shops and have even stopped cars, turning the occupants of them out into the street and instructing the drivers to return home.